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#### IN THE ABSTRACT

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A stator iron core of an electric motor including plural magnetic pole segments, each having a back yoke portion and a teeth portion projected from the back yoke portion. Further, each of the plural magnetic pole segments is connected together via a connection portion provided to the back yoke portion. Also included is an insulator member disposed on a wall surface of the teeth portion and extending at about 90° so as to cover a wall surface of the back yoke portion including a bottom portion of a slot formed at a connecting intersection of adjacent back yoke portions. The bottom portion of the slot formed at the intersection of the adjacent back yoke portions is also curved.

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#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 10 and 13 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-9, 11, 12 and 14-18 have been cancelled, and Claim 1 has been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 10 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Kazama et al; Claims 1 and 2 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as